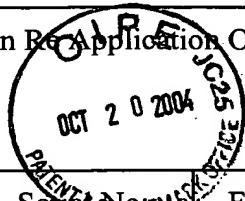


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In Re Application Of: N. Ogawa 					
Serial Number 09/976,016/	Filing Date 10/15/2001	Examiner A. Do	Customer No. 30743	Art Unit 2624	Confirmation No. 1609
Invention: IMAGE ENCODER AND METHOD OF ENCODING IMAGES ACCORDING TO WEIGHT OF PORTIONS OF IMAGE					

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